

This fact sheet tells you about what types of fires you can and can't light during restricted and prohibited fire seasons, and the conditions you must meet when you light one.

Fire type	Description	Conditions you need to follow if the fire type is authorised	Restricted season	Prohibited season
Gas-operated appliances	Manufactured gas-operated appliances, such as barbeques, outdoor fireplaces and outdoor gas heaters	Find out more about the safe use of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>barbeques and gas cylinders – <a href="#">BBQs and gas cylinders</a></li> <li>outdoor gas-operated appliances – <a href="#">Outdoor gas cookers</a>.</li> </ul>	Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type
Charcoal barbeques or grills	Barbeques or grills that use either charcoal briquettes or natural lump charcoal as their fuel source	Don't use on an apartment balcony, deck, under a roof overhang or within other enclosed areas. If you cannot meet this condition, you must apply for a permit.	Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type
Wood-fire pizza oven	Also known as wood ovens; ovens that use wood as fuel for cooking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Don't light your fire within three metres of any part of a building, hedge, shelter belt or any other combustible material.</li> <li>In case your fire gets out of control, you must have a suitable way to extinguish it within five metres of your chiminea or pizza-oven, such as a water hose, mechanical digger, or water sprayer.</li> </ul> If you cannot meet these conditions, you must apply for a permit.	Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type
Chiminea	A freestanding front-loading fireplace or oven with a bulbous body; usually has a vertical smoke vent or chimney		Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type
Cultural fires	Includes hāngī, umu, braai and lovo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your fire area must be less than two square metres.</li> <li>Don't light your fire within three metres of any part of a building, hedge, shelter belt or any other combustible material.</li> <li>In case your fire gets out of control, you must have a suitable way to extinguish it within five metres of your cultural fire, such as a water hose, mechanical digger, or water sprayer.</li> </ul> If you cannot meet these conditions, you must apply for a permit. Find out more about the safe use of cultural fires - <a href="#">Traditional or cultural use of fire</a> .	Authorised fire type	Authorised fire type

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Braziers	A container for hot coals; usually an upright standing or hanging metal bowl or box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your fire area must be less than 0.5 square metres.</li> <li>Don't light your fire within three metres of any part of a building, hedge, shelter belt or any other combustible material.</li> <li>In case your fire gets out of control, you must have a suitable way to extinguish it within five metres of your brazier or fire pit/bowl, such as a water hose, mechanical digger, or water sprayer.</li> </ul>	Authorised fire type	Prohibited fire type*
Fire pits/bowls	A pit dug in the ground, made from stone, brick or metal; or a bowl on an upright stand	If you cannot meet these conditions, you must apply for a permit.	Authorised fire type	Prohibited fire type*
Open drum incinerator and manufactured incinerators	A drum or container, with a mesh or solid lid designed to prevent the escape of hot ash or fire; designed exclusively for incineration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Don't light your fire within five metres of any part of a building, hedge, shelter belt or any other combustible material.</li> <li>In case your fire gets out of control, you must have a suitable way to extinguish it within five metres of your incinerator, such as a water hose, mechanical digger, or water sprayer.</li> </ul>	Authorised fire type	Prohibited fire type*
Campfires	A fire (less than 0.5 m diameter x 0.5 m height) at a campsite that provides light, warmth, and heat for cooking	You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. Find out more about the safe use of campfires – <a href="#">Camping and campfires</a> .	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Bonfires	A large, but controlled outdoor fire, used either for informal disposal of burnable waste material, or as part of a celebration	You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. Find out about the safe use of bonfires – <a href="#">Lighting bonfires</a> .	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Burn piles	The burning of cut and stacked vegetation; includes horticulture branch/piles, offal pits or land clearing heaps	You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. Find out more about safe land clearing burns – <a href="#">Fire as a land management tool</a> .	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*

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Crop residue/ stubble burns	Setting fire to straw stubble or crop residue that remains after wheat and other grains have been harvested	You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. Find out more about the safe use of <a href="#">Crop residue or stubble burns</a> .	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Broadcast land clearing burns	Fire applied generally to most or all of an area within well-defined boundaries, to remove grass, scrub or forest cut-over	You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. Find out more about safe land clearing burns – <a href="#">Fire as a land management tool</a> .	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Windrows	The burning of vegetation that is placed in long narrow rows as a result of forest or scrub clearing	You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand. Find out more about safe land clearing burns – <a href="#">Fire as a land management tool</a> .	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*
Other	Fires not captured in other fire types, such as biosecurity fires and planned structure fires	You must comply with the conditions on your permit issued by Fire and Emergency New Zealand.	Permit required	Prohibited fire type*